## From Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department

## Simple, delicious Lasagna

1-8 oz pack lasagna noodles

1-Tbs oil

2-bay leaves

1-Recipe meat sauce (below)

1-16 oz ricotta cheese or small curd cottage cheese

¼ cup shredded parmesan cheese

16 oz shredded mozzarella cheese

Cook noodles with oil and bay leaves in boiling water, drain

Oil or Spray a 12 x 8 baking dish

Layer noodles, meat sauce, cottage cheese, parmesan cheese, and mozzarella cheese

Add another layer of each, and then a third one. (add the last layer of mozzarella cheese about 10 minutes before it's done to keep it from getting too brown)

Bake @ 350 for 30 min or till bubbly in center.

Let stand 15 minutes and serve.

## **Meat Sauce**

1-lb ground beef

1-lb hot Italian sausage

2 cans whole tomatoes (chopped) do not use already diced tomatoes, you want the juice from the whole tomatoes.

½ cup water (add a little more as needed if mixture gets too thick)

1-6 oz can tomato paste

1/4 cup diced celery

1 package thick & zesty spaghetti sauce mix

Salt & pepper (to taste)

1-Tbs. sugar

1 Tbs prepared mustard

Brown hamburger, add celery and drain fat

Brown Italian sausage, drain fat

Add all remaining ingredients and simmer 45 minutes, stirring occasionally